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In re Patent Application of:
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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: PROBE HEAD, ITS ASSEMBLY METHOD
AND PROBE CARD

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	11	- 20* =		X	
Independent	3	- 3** =		X	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					0.00

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the enclosed corrected drawing.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.